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Around D-M Annual awards

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Annual Awards Banquet is Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Tickets go on sale Monday; interested members can contact their first sergeant.

Valentines for Vets

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will participate in the Valentines for Veterans program at the local Veterans Hospital Feb. 14. The program is in partnership with the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program.

People interested in participating should contact their first sergeant by Feb. 9.

Transportation will be provided.

Contact 2nd Lt. Timothy Baumgartner, project officer, at 8-6318.

Blood drive

A blood drive is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Community Center. Call Tech. Sgt. Liz Santamaria t 8-9048 to make an appointment.

Five airmen were saved from a DUI charge by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at 850-2233
10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and
Saturdays and 4 p.m. to mid-
night Sundays for a ride.

Days since last D-M DUI:

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(Current as of Thursday)

Wing has new name

By Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire
Public affairs

Through a base-wide contest, a new name has been chosen to identify the 355th Wing more closely with its mission — *Desert Lightning*.

"Throughout the Air Force, you will hear Team whatever. That's not an official nickname like 'The Flying Tigers,' used by the 23rd Fighter Group, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., which is what we were trying to get to; something that would be unique to the wing, mission and the patch, other than just Team D-M," said Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander.

"We will always be called Team D-M, that's a concept of teamwork. But as far as the name, we will focus that on what the mission is," he added.

Desert Lightning was selected from more than 110 submissions to the *Name the Wing* campaign, according to 1st Lt. Nikki Credic, 355th Wing public affairs and a member of the campaign's focus group.

While there were some duplicate

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Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

New commander takes over OG

Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander (left), passes command of the 355th Operations Group to Col. Robert "Rowdy" Yates during a change of command ceremony Jan. 26. Yates recently served at the Pentagon as a military assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. He replaces Col. Daryl Hausmann who will become the 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Town Hall meeting addresses base concerns

By Karen Halstead
Staff writer

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base housing and dormitory residents were invited to attend an informational Town Hall meeting Wednesday at the base theater.

"These meetings are an opportunity for housing residents to be updated on policy changes while providing residents who do not have contacts to get help, the help they need," said Col. Francis Hendricks, 355th Support Group commander.

"With your input, we can get things changed," he said. "If we don't have an answer for you tonight, we will get your answer to you. This is a forum for D-M community discussion."

Hendricks expects to conduct Town Hall meetings at least semi-annually and thanked the 355th Services Squadron for providing various door prizes.

Various base agencies were on hand to address problems residents encounter and to assist in resolving issues for residents who haven't been able to find appropriate help.

Security Forces

More than 95 percent of thefts in housing are a result of property not being secured, according to Lt. Col. Myron Freeman, commander, 355th Security Forces Squadron. Carports and back yards are not considered secure areas and items shouldn't be considered secure unless they are physically locked or moved inside a

locked area. Freeman also recommended that items with serial numbers or visible identifying marks be recorded.

To reduce property theft, the 355th SFS began Operation Gotcha in 2000 as a proactive program to assist the D-M community to identify insecure property in base housing. "Gotcha" tries to minimize property theft by allowing on-duty patrolman to leave Gotcha tickets on property so residents will know if the patrolman had been a thief, their property wouldn't be there.

Weapons can not be carried, concealed or in the possession of a person while on base, Freeman said. Residents must adhere to all local, state, federal and Department of

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Commander's Corner

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **Lt. Col. Gregg Andreachi**, 355th Operations Support Squadron, **Capt. Mike Quirk**, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, and **2nd Lt. Clint Palmer**, 355th Operations Group, for their efforts in planning the 355th Operations Group change of command ceremony and reception. Well done!

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement. The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information.

If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

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| AAFES Agencies | 748-7887 |
| Accounting and Finance | 228-4964 |
| Chaplain | 8-5411 |
| Civil Engineering | 8-3401 |
| Clinic | 8-2930 |
| Commissary | 8-3116 |
| Family Support | 8-5690 |
| Fitness Center | 8-3714 |
| Housing Office | 8-3687 |
| Inspector General | 8-3559 |
| Legal | 8-6432 |
| Lodging | 8-4845 |
| Military/Civilian | |
| Equal Opportunity Office | 8-5509 |
| Military Personnel | 8-5689 |
| Public Affairs | 8-3204 |
| Security Forces | 8-6178 |
| Services | 8-5596 |
| Transportation | 8-3584 |

Letter of appreciation

(Editor's Note: This letter is reprinted to share a sample of the positive feedback Team D-M customer service creates.)

This is a long overdue letter of appreciation to all the active duty personnel at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., from me and all the retired personnel in Tucson.

Constructive criticism is good; but constructive compliments are just as important, and you D-M Air Force personnel certainly deserve them.

My family and I have been retired in Tucson for 25 years, after 32 years of service, and have used the D-M facilities extensively. The personnel and service have been outstanding starting with the Air Police (security forces) at the main gate and continuing on to all the other personnel on base. It makes one proud to have been part of the Air Force team.

I hesitate to go into names and organizations since we have received great service from so many, but to name a few: the hospital, commissary, base personnel, legal, base exchange, clubs, library, community center, Scheduled Airline Ticketing Office, thrift shop, and on and on.

I will list one organization and its personnel as a typical example of DMAFB outstanding service over the years:

The eye clinic at DMAFB Hospital and Maj. Jeffrey Sheridan, Capt. Christopher Stanley, Master Sgt. Jody McNabb, Staff Sgt. Glenn Gaspard, Staff Sgt. Sean O'Neil and Senior Airman Roxanne Thornton.

Retirees do appreciate your good work.

*John K. Powers
Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)*

Flu shot instructions

Comment:
On Nov. 26, *The Sierra Vista Herald* printed the following:

"FORT HUACHUCA - The Department of Defense has established at-risk requirements for people to receive the flu vaccine. Beneficiaries authorized to receive care at the post medical facility, regardless of age, must meet one of the following requirements to receive an appointment during phase 1."

The article went on to list six requirements for this first phase.

The question - Is this the Department of Defense instructions? There appeared to be a lack of information from D-M on their course of action when this happened.

Response:
Department of Defense guidelines for administering the flu vaccines were followed for the shipment we received.

Two articles were printed in the *Desert Airman*, informing our beneficiaries of the production delays/process and highlighting that small doses were available by prescription from a physician for "high medical risk" patients, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control guidelines. 355th Wing Public Affairs also assisted in informing our beneficiaries by displaying a message about the flu process on the base electronic marquee near the Craycroft Gate.

The delays in vaccine production were unfortunate and created a great deal of concern in our community, but our medical staff's hard work in getting everyone vaccinated and publicizing the process has been successful.

If you have any questions or would like further information, call Master Sgt. Genevieve Eidson at 8-2919.

Your Final Answer?

Did the team you picked win the Superbowl? What was your favorite commercial?



**Senior Airman
Cory Champion**
355th Component Repair Squadron

"The Tennessee Titans are my favorite team; but the Ravens deserved to win. It was a good game. The 'What's up' commercial was my favorite."



**Tech. Sgt.
Herb Gorecki**
Air National Guard

"The Oakland Raiders should have been playing but I'm glad the Ravens won. I liked the commercial where the Jetta drops from the tree."



Cecilia Ryan
Retiree spouse

"I'm a Redskins fan. I really didn't root for either team this year. I liked the Bob Dole Pepsi commercial the best."



**Retired Col.
Bob Ockerhausen**

"I rooted for Baltimore while my wife went with the Giants. I'm really a Bronco's fan. We both enjoyed the chimp riding the horse commercial."



**Tech. Sgt.
Art Newman**
355th Mission Support Squadron

"I went with Baltimore even though I'm a Bears fan. The Bud Light dog commercial was great."



Lydia Withrom
Spouse

"I'm a San Francisco 49ers fan and I'm not happy for the Ravens. I liked the 'What's up' commercial the best."



Staff Sgt. James Steele

DAPS prints local orders

Fred Orozco, a Defense Automated Printing Service employee (right), assists Tech. Sgt. Philip Pederson, 355th Communication Squadron, with a print job order. DAPS can be used by any D-M, local Department of Defense and federal agency for official print needs such as printing operation instructions, technical orders, base bulletins, and change of command ceremony pamphlets. Print job orders may be turned into the DAPS office at its new location in Building 4212 (across the street from the 355th Medical Group Annex), faxed to DAPS at 8-5104 or e-mailed to mike.ortiz@dm.af.mil or fred.orozco@dm.af.mil. Call 8-5513 or 8-6884 for more information.

Military children eligible for DeCA scholarships

The Feb. 15 deadline is fast approaching for students to apply for a new scholarship program funded by manufacturers and business partners of the commissary system.

The Scholarships for Military Children program offers college-bound or college-enrolled military children the opportunity to apply for \$1,500 scholarships. One scholarship per commissary location is planned, dependent on the receipt of qualified applications at the location.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates nearly 300 commissaries worldwide. The scholarships are open to qualified children of U.S. military identification card holders, to include active duty, retirees, Guard and Reserve.

Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the Department of Defense ID Card Directive (i.e., age 21 or up to are 23

if still enrolled as a full-time student). Completed applications should be returned to a local commissary no later than close of business, Feb. 15 where a store official will validate eligibility by checking the applicants dependent ID card. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average and write a short essay on "What being a military dependent means to me."

Application forms are available at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Commissary or can be found at www.commissaries.com. A Frequently asked Question section can also be found at the Web site.

Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children program. DeCA and Fisher House are not involved in the selection of scholarship recipients. An independent contractor, Scholarship Managers, will select recipients on the basis of merit. Scholarship winners will be notified by April 30.

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submissions, it was Staff Sgt. Derrick Alston's submission of the *Desert Lightning* name that made it to the focus group first. He will receive a \$100 prize that was donated by the D-M Company Grade Officer Council, Credic said.

According to Alston, a 355th Logistics Support Squadron training manager, the name came to him very quickly.

"They were giving the details about the nickname campaign during a staff meeting when the name came to me," Alston said. "The Desert part was pretty obvious given Davis-Monthan's location and Lightning represents the base's striking force."

"*Desert Lightning* implies a lot of different things, not to mention the lethal striking power that you see in lightning, plus the associated thunder that occurs with that. It also shows the capability of our Compass Call and ABCCC aircraft and the effectiveness of our electronic combat, command and control mission," Wilkes said.

Desert Lightning gives people the opportunity to rally around a concept, get away from decentralized units and focus more on the wing's mission, according to Wilkes.

"In the future, we might be seeing a *Desert Lightning* patch; however, it will not replace the 355th Wing heritage patch, but it may be something included in the 355th Operations Group patch or worn on special occasions," he said.

And, according to Wilkes, with the wing rallying behind *Desert Lightning*, it "probably won't be long before we begin to hear the 355th Wing be referred to as the Lightning Wing.

"Lightning ... Strikes!"

Symbolism of Desert Lightning logo

The **Circle** represents the land of our home, the land of the warm desert sun. It reminds us of those we love, for those we would gladly die to protect.

The **Cactus** represents our ability to adapt and survive. Through drought, through freeze, through storms that shake the pillars of earth and heat as hot as the fires of hell, we shall stand tall and straight and true.

The **Bullets** represent the individual members of our team. They remind us that as one, our impact is powerful but small, together as team our impact is far more powerful and far greater. They represent our willingness to sacrifice all that we are for the freedom of our great nation.

The **Ammo Chain** represents technical expertise and knowledge. It demonstrates the link between our various jobs and how vital and important each one is. It reminds us that together our sum is much greater than the parts of which we are made.

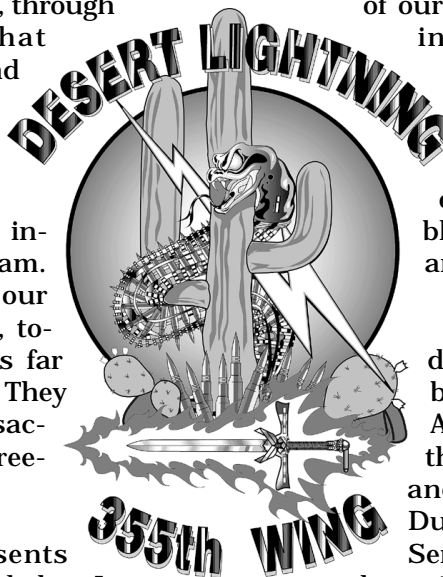
The **Snake Head** represents our indepen-

dence as a nation and as individuals. It shows to the world that we will not be tread upon. It serves as a reminder of the viciousness with which we will attack. It demonstrates our cunning and speed and warns enemies of a venom which will surely mean death. It is a symbol of our ability to thrive and survive in the harsh deserts of the world.

The **Dagger**, used for close-in fighting, represents our honor. The honor we are blessed with from birth: to fight and die for freedom.

Desert Lightning is our sign, declaring our faith in our symbol and in the traditions of our Air Force and Air Corps forefathers. It heralds the call to duty and the heart and conviction. Duty requires: Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. Victory is ours so long as we live by our code.

(Editor's note: The logo was designed by Staff Sgt. John Reed, 355th Communications Squadron. The symbolism was provided by 2nd Lt. Tyler Nielsen, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.)





Laura Williams

Recruiting for Air Force Two

Master Sgt. Wade Portee, 1st Airlift Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. (left), briefs Staff Sgts. Angela Walz (middle) and Nicole Pearson (right), 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, on special duty opportunities aboard the C-32A (Boeing 757) executive transport aircraft. The 1st AS visited D-M Jan. 24 as part of a recruiting trip while their usual Washington, D.C., government leader passengers, including the Vice President and Secretaries of Defense and State, were settling in to their new postings and not yet traveling. The specialized "Executive Airlift/Special Airlift Missions" squadrons, 1st AS and the 99th Airlift Squadron, seek pilots and enlisted stewards (flight attendants) for the special duty assignment.

OSI: Everyone should be aware of Internet scams

An officer assigned to HQ Air Force Office of Special Investigation was recently the target of an Internet scam.

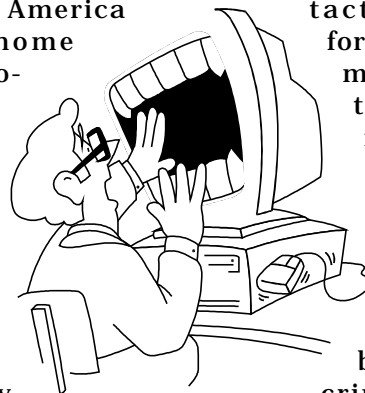
The officer uses America Online as his home Internet service provider and received an e-mail at a screen name that was a sub-screen name he uses vs. his primary name. The e-mail stated the last attempt to charge his credit card for his monthly bill was declined. It went on to say that he needed to "click" on a URL that was provided and enter a new credit card number or he would face a \$35 late fee. All of the web pages and e-mails looked to him like they were genuine AOL.

The individual knew there was nothing wrong with his credit

card and that an e-mail like that should have gone to his main screen name. He also knew his bill was not due, so he contacted AOL which informed him that the e-mail was not from them and it was a fraud to steal a credit card number and card information.

These types of Internet scams are just another way Air Force people are being targeted by criminal elements, according to OSI officials.

Education and identification are the means of stopping such activity. People need to be aware of this type of scam and should report it to their respective Internet providers as soon as they receive any suspicious e-mails. (Courtesy of AFOSI Det. 217)



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Defense rules relating to weapons. If transporting a weapon, it must be unloaded in a vehicle trunk and the ammunition kept in a separate compartment from the weapon; weapons are not allowed to be transported in or on any two- or three-wheeled vehicle.

Weapons stored in the member's residence must be registered with the 355th SFS Armory. Dormitory residents must house any weapons at the armory, not in their dormitory room, Freeman said. Weapons stored in base housing are required to be unloaded and kept out of the reach of children.

Curfews vary depending on the age of child, according to Freeman. Juveniles under 16 years of age are required to be in the home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., 16- and 17-year-olds between midnight and 5 a.m. and no curfew for 18-year-olds.

The four exceptions to the curfew rules are: the juvenile is legally married, making an emergency errand, attending a special event authorized by the parent or accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian, Freeman explained.

Freeman reminded D-M members to slow down while driving in base housing. Each week, 15 areas in base housing are randomly selected for radar patrols. The radar patrols are augmented with the "Smart Cart" which registers and displays the drivers speed. D-M members who speed excessively on base will have their driving privileges suspended on base for seven days. In 2000, 187 people had their driving privileges suspended. "So far this year we have noted an increase in the number of suspensions for the same period last year," Freeman said. "Slow it down and save a life."

Family Housing

April will be family housing beautification month, according to Roger Johnston, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron's, housing flight chief. The beautification program was designed to recognize the most improved yard and exterior appearance in each of the base housing areas. One winner will be selected from Palo Verde Village, Kachina Village and the mobile home parks.

One week in April will be designated for the fix-up, clean-up, spruce-up, beautification pro-

gram and will be announced in a future issue of the *Desert Airman*.

Military Civilian Equal Opportunity Office

Master Sgt. Gregory Pleasant, superintendent, Military Equal Opportunity Office said, "If we are aware of a situation early, then we can help to resolve situations and disputes.

"Instead of being reactive, we need to be vigilant and report things we see or hear to the security police, report any graffiti, discriminatory behavior or assault incidents," Pleasant added.

Tentatively, the next Town Hall Meeting will take place in August or September, closer to the time school resumes in the fall, according to Hendricks.

"This is an information-sharing forum," he said. "If residents have a concern, they are always welcome to contact base agencies. If they aren't sure about which agency to contact they are always welcome to call me. I'll either resolve their problem or get them in touch with the someone who will."

Hendricks can be reached at 8-3555.

Advertising



Airman 1st Class Maryann Walker

Retreat

355th Security Forces Squadron members salute as the base flag is lowered during a formal retreat ceremony held by the 355th Support Group Jan. 26. Formal retreats will be held the last Friday each month. Responsibility for the ceremonies will rotate through the groups. Call Chief Master Sgt. William Arnold at 8-3539 for more information.

Air Force Surgeon General: One suicide is one too many

By Leigh Anne Bierstine
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

One Air Force suicide is one suicide too many, according to Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, Air Force Surgeon General.

The surgeon general is trying to combat suicides by instilling in every Air Force member that it is a community problem. That philosophy is the basis for the Air Force's community approach to suicide prevention.

"We have to stop thinking of suicide prevention as something only mental health professionals do," Carlton said.

"All of us have a responsibility to our fellow airmen and co-workers," he explained. "Recognizing when a person is having problems and actively encouraging that person to seek help is a vital part of suicide prevention."

"We lose too many airmen to suicide in the Air Force, and it is preventable," he said. "Whatever the numbers are, we can never stop being proactive and declare victory. Instead we must continue our efforts."

Today, the Air Force is using a prevention team called the Integrated Delivery System that includes chaplains and professionals from mental health, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers, and family advocacy, all working together and taking responsibility for enhancing community health and well-being.

To date, suicide prevention efforts include an emphasis on involving

and training Air Force leadership, and on buddy care and annual suicide prevention training for all military and civilians. The Air Force also maintains a database that tracks not only suicides but also suicide attempts.

The Air Force is not alone in its battle against suicide. David Satcher, surgeon general of the United States, described suicide as a "serious public health problem." Nearly 31,000 people commit suicide annually in the United States. Twenty-one active-duty Air Force people committed suicide in 2000, according to the casualty services branch of the Air Force Personnel Center.

Raising suicide awareness is not enough, according to Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, who leads the Air Force's suicide prevention team.

"Our pilots are responsible for early signs of problems with their jet engines, so mechanics can intervene before engine failure occurs," Talcott said. "In the same way, we expect our commanders, first sergeants and supervisors at every level to be responsible for their co-workers and watch for early signs of problems so we can intervene early."

If a suicide does occur, it's important for the survivors to realize it wasn't their fault, according to Lt. Col. Linda Wright, mental health services flight commander.

"One common reaction after a suicide is for the grieving friends, family members and co-workers to blame themselves or each other for the suicide," she said. "They usually fail to recognize that they are

the true victims of the suicide and that the person who killed him or herself is the perpetrator of his or her own death and the perpetrator of the grief and suffering the survivors feel. The best thing for survivors to do is to socially support each other and to recognize that they are not to blame for the decision of the deceased to kill him or herself."

"While the subject of suicide is very discomforting for many people, the first step toward preventing suicide is getting people to talk about it," Talcott said.

Talcott suggest people be alert for the following warning signs that may signal suicide intent:

- Preoccupied with death and dying
- Talk about committing suicide
- Make final arrangements for death
- Trouble eating or sleeping
- Drastic changes in behavior
- Withdrawal from friends or social activities
- Loss of interest in work, school, etc.
- Give away prized possessions
- Take unnecessary risks
- Loss of interest in personal appearance
- Increased use of alcohol and drugs

For more information on what to do if a member encounters someone with these signs, immediately contact an appropriate integrated delivery system representative: the chaplain's office, family support center, behavioral health clinic, family advocacy, or health and wellness center.

Advertising

Black History Month events

□ The Black History Month Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. today at the enlisted club. Call Staff Sgt. Robyn Boyd at 8-4912 for more information.

□ The 12th Annual BHA Golf Tournament is at 8 a.m. Saturday at the golf course. Call 1st Lt. Marico Tippet at 8-9073 for more information.

□ A Black History Month Gospel Service is at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Desert Dove Chapel. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Gregg Chandler at 8-5411 for more information.

□ A food drive for the Food Locker is Monday through Feb. 9. Call Tech. Sgt. Darnetta Watkins at 8-2279 to donate.

□ African Tastes and Tones, features tastes of food and music from Black heritage, begins at 11 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Community Center. Call Senior Airman Kanani Reed at 8-9376.

□ A Gospel Jubilee begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the base theater. Call Master Sgt. Gregory Pleasant at 8-5509.

□ Volunteers will conduct a story telling hour Feb. 14 at the Boarman and Smith Elementary Schools. Call Staff Sgt. Robyn Boyd at 8-4912.

□ Buffalo Soldier Tour is at 8:15 a.m. Feb. 24 at Fort Huachuca. To sign up for the tour, call Staff Sgt. Robyn Boyd at 8-4912.

□ The Black Tie Affair and Fashion Show is at 6 p.m. March 10 at the Desert Oasis. Call 2nd Lt. Tracey Bryant at 8-9120.

Volunteers are needed to help with some of the Black History Month events. Please call Capt. Sanra Brunson at 8-5815 or Boyd at 4912.

Know rules before taking extra jobs

By Capt. Jesse Arnstein
305th Air Mobility Wing Legal Office

Some Air Force members moonlight at other jobs to either make ends meet, pay off bills or just have extra spending money on hand. Some tend bars, toss pizzas, cut hair, stock shelves and more. Air Force people who are thinking about starting an extra job should remember their obligations to the Air Force. Off-duty employment rules are punitive, and violators are subject to disciplinary action.

Military members are required to receive approval from their supervisor and commander via an AF Form 3902 before beginning off-duty employment. This form can be found on the Air Force Publications Web site at <http://afpubs.hq.af.mil>. Normally supervisors approve requests, but there are certain types of activities that should not be approved, such as:

- Jobs that create a conflict of interest;
- Jobs that detract from readiness;
- Jobs involving dangerous activity; and
- Jobs that bring discredit upon the armed forces.

For instance, a request to work as a bullrider in a rodeo may not be approved because of the danger

involved, and a request to be a go-go dancer would probably be disapproved because it could bring discredit upon the armed forces. A request to work 40 hours per week at another job would likely be disapproved because of the time demand.

These restrictions also apply if military people are engaged in outside employment that does not pay a salary. For instance, approval from your supervisor and commander is needed before volunteering at a local fire department, even if there is no compensation attached.

There are more complex rules for certain medical people, which are detailed in Air Force Instruction 44-102, Community Health Management.

Finally, if the additional employer asks a military member to sign a contract, you should review the document carefully before signing. Sometimes these contracts contain a "covenant not to compete" clause.

This provision might prohibit you from taking a subsequent job in the same vicinity and field as your current job. If so, this may hamper future job prospects. People should read over any contract very carefully and fully understand the commitment they are asked to make. (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)

Tell us your story

If you, or you know someone in your squadron who, participates in an interesting past time, hobby or sport, please let the *Desert Airman* know about it. Call 8-5714/3398 or send an e-mail to 355wg.pa@dm.af.mil with the basic information -- who, what and a point of contact and we'll pursue getting their story in print.

Valentine's Day greetings



People interested in printing a Valentine greeting in the *Desert Airman* newspaper can send submissions via e-mail to desert.airman@dm.af.mil or karin.wickwire@dm.af.mil by 4:30 p.m. Monday. Submissions must be 20 words or less and in good taste.

The greetings will be printed in the Feb. 9 issue of the *Desert Airman*.

Advertising

Airmen get improved deployment tools

By Lt. Col. Bryan Holt
USAF Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center Public Affairs

Are you ready to deploy? The USAF Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center wants to ensure all expeditionary airmen have the best possible source of deployment information available.

With the second cycle of AEF rotations underway, Air Force officials have greatly improved the tools available to commanders and Air Force members deploying in an AEF.

The "AEF Commanders' Playbook" is designed to give airmen up-to-date information on all deployment issues.

The playbook will help commanders prepare their airmen for AEF rotations. As part of a continuing effort to better educate deploying forces, it contains detailed information commanders and deploying members

need. The quick-reference checklist, which highlights the key issues and lists the relevant sections of the playbook, is designed to be easily carried by commanders.

"The AEF Commanders' Playbook is one way to ensure all Air Force commanders, deploying members and even those who remain at the home station are all on the same sheet of music," said Brig. Gen. Dennis Larsen, commander of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center.

"Commanders may ask, 'How does AEF impact my squadron, and what should I be doing to better support the EAF/AEF?'" Larsen said. "The playbook will answer these questions and more."

It also includes critical items such as AEF key rules, commanders' guidance, available deployment tools and even a user tutorial.

Commanders can access the playbook and quick-reference checklist from a .mil or .gov computer on the "EAF Online" Web site at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/>. Commanders can also download the checklist to a palm-held "personal digital assistant" for easy accessibility.

Another big improvement made for the second AEF Cycle is an upgraded "EAF Online."

Using a .mil or .gov computer, airmen can access individualized "training templates" on the Web site for detailed information about their deployed job description, mission and even the equipment they will be using in the area of responsibility.

The templates identify both required and desirable training needed before deployment.

They also offer other information including AOR-specific concerns, les-

sons learned in the past, specific functional-area information and links to other helpful sites. Templates are available for all steady-state, non-flying positions.

If deploying airmen get the training they need, they'll reduce the time to get ready in the AOR and the turmoil that can be generated during AEF transitions.

"We are constantly expanding and improving EAF On-line to make it a one-stop shop for commanders and individuals," Larsen said.

"We have also made substantial improvements to ensure the Commander's Playbook is user-friendly."

According to Larsen, these improved AEF deployment tools are the direct results of feedback from airmen on past deployments and input from Air Force leaders.

Pope AFB opens new cadet/officer mentoring chapter

By Capt. Susan Idziak
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

With the help of Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John W. Handy, Pope Air Force Base unveiled the newest chapter of the service's Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program in a chartering ceremony Jan. 26.

The new Gryphon Chapter will help the base carryout the program's mission: to promote and facilitate professional and leadership development of Air Force cadets and officers.

"It's only fitting that the standup of our AFCOMAP chapter coincides with Air Mobility Command's Year of Retention and Recruiting," said Brig. Gen. Dick Casey, 43rd Airlift Wing commander and the

Pope chapter's adviser. "It's a great opportunity to add some 'teeth' to the (Year of Retention and Recruiting) program."

This mentoring program is based on a similar U.S. Army nonprofit organization founded in 1966 to provide a continuing means of career development and enlightenment to minority officers.

The Air Force program was officially endorsed Jan. 23, 1989, as the Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program. Throughout the years the program expanded to include internal mentorship of junior minority officers, and in 1994, the scope of AFCOMAP began to include cadets and junior officers, regardless of race.

The program had so much to give the Air Force, the idea of spreading it and its mentoring aspects

throughout the entire force was strongly agreed upon, he said.

Handy challenged the new Pope chapter to continue in the tradition of mentoring and preparing future leaders for the service and beyond.

Mentoring is not only important for those around you in order to retain them in the Air Force, but also to those young cadets in the colleges and universities, and to the people who perhaps have not thought of the Air Force as a career, he said.

"Mentoring is a form of planting a seed," Handy said. "It is giving to others the power to be successful. And whether you stay in uniform or not, the business of mentoring others, of giving to others, of helping others is the business of life." (*Courtesy of AMC News Service*)

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Chief Master Sgt. Dee Kirkpatrick (right), superintendent of the 355th Medical Support Squadron, answers a question from Staff Sgt. Lanay Dee in the 355th Medical Group laboratory. Sergeant Dee is a laboratory technician for the 355th MDSS.

Take personal inventory, make each morning ‘good’

By Chief Master Sgt. Dee Kirkpatrick
355th Medical Support Squadron

“Good morning. How are you?”

How many times have you said this to someone?

How many times have you heard it?

How many times do any of us answer that question honestly?

We are conditioned to give and receive the “I’m great, how are you?” response.

It’s as automatic as a salute, and the question has lost its meaning.

Unfortunately, we don’t stop and really consider that question often enough.

How are you?

Do you really even know?

One of the medical group’s speakers for January’s wing safety day shared a list of warning signs of stress.

I noticed someone in the audience ticking off each item on their fingers as they listened.

After what seemed like the

20th item, this person turned to their neighbor and whispered, “Finally, he’s hit one I don’t have,” and they both laughed.

Stop, think about stress

We hear time and again how destructive stress can be, how to identify it, and ways to counteract it, but do we really stop and think about stress and what can come of it?

A little stress can help focus your concentration, spur a little more productivity, or prompt you to do a little more or better than you thought you could.

But what if stress causes one of our internal “fuses” to blow?

When an electrical fuse blows, the system shuts down – the lights go out.

When an internal “fuse” blows, the same thing can happen.

Sometimes stress can lead to another condition - depression - which can have the same effect as an electrical fuse blowing.

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Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Thai Air Marshal Thares Punsri, Thailand Deputy Chief of Air Staff
Retired Gen. Ross Milton
Retired Gen. Horace Wade
Maj. Gen. Tex Brown, Air Force Personnel Center Commander
Maj. Gen. Phillip Kelley, South Dakota Adjutant General
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| 355th Wing Flying Goals | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| Hours | 41st | 42nd | 43rd | Sorties | 354th | 357th | 358th | | |
| | ECS | ACCS | ECS | | FS | FS | FS | | |
| Goal | 291 | 355 | 242 | | 545 | 410 | 378 | | |
| Flown | 277 | 357 | 255 | | 548 | 416 | 409 | | |
| Delta | 2 | 21 | 28 | | 3 | 6 | 31 | | |
| FY 2001 | 38 | 29 | 106 | | 23 | 15 | 56 | | |

Current as of Wednesday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **101** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.

Europe: 1

North America: 144

Central America: 2

South America: 15

AEF 9: 1

AEF 1: 76

Total: 239

Other locations -- 0
Current as of Monday

Deployed (by group):

- 355 OG - 126
- 355 LG - 56
- 355 SPTG - 56
- 355 MDG - 0
- WG - 1

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Expect mistakes ... drive defensively

There are five common excuses for a collision:

- ◆ I didn't see him (her, it)!
- ◆ I couldn't react on time!
- ◆ There was no where to go!
- ◆ It wasn't my fault!
- ◆ I had the right of way!

What's the answer to helping you avoid a collision? It's called defensive driving.

Defensive driving is a technique used to place you and your vehicle in a comfortable area on the highway or street that affords you an "out" or a safe zone of travel. This technique is designed to heighten your awareness of everything happening around you while your driving.

Defensive driving starts with a well-maintained vehicle. Check the following at least once a week:

- ◆ Fluid levels (radiator, brake, motor oil, transmission, and windshield washer)
- ◆ Lights (head, tail, turn, brake, license plate, and marker)
- ◆ Tires, wiper blades, hoses, and belts

Defensive driving also requires the operator to do the following:

- ◆ Wear safety belts (all passengers)
- ◆ No alcohol or drugs. Read the labels

on all prescription medications for warnings—consult your physician.

- ◆ Don't speed.

Build yourself a safe zone with an escape route by staying three seconds behind the vehicle in front of you and checking the rearview mirror to locate the vehicle behind and beside you.

It also requires you to regulate your speed according to conditions and "assist" the drivers in front, behind, and beside you by using your signals.

By signals I don't just mean your turn signals. Your brake lights are an effective method for telling drivers they are following too close or approaching too fast. By tapping the brakes once or twice you can let everyone know you are preparing to stop or going slower than another driver anticipated. Now I don't want you irritating a driver behind you by slowing down unnecessarily and tapping the brakes excessively! That won't make you friends! I do want you to travel with the flow of traffic and position yourself in the appropriate lane well before making turns. I want you to wait for that turn arrow unless you have a completely clear view of what is

coming your way.

Case in point—if you have a bus or large vehicle in the opposite turn lane, you know you can't see the on-coming traffic in the near lane!

The obvious advice here is to continually monitor your surroundings and be visible.

Don't get in a hurry. Look well ahead of the vehicle in front of you and observe the other driver's actions. Are they on a cell phone, talking to passengers, slowing down to look around? Give them room!

Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians to ensure they see you.

Be courteous and maintain your cool. Don't become or turn another driver into a menace. You know what I am talking about—rage driving.

Remember you have family and friends who ride with you and drive the same roads as you do. So show them what it takes to go from point A to point B and really enjoy the ride. Remember that 85 percent of all traffic collisions are preventable by the driver.

Expect other drivers to make mistakes—give them room. Drive defensively! (*Courtesy 355th Wing Safety*)

Good morning

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Our "system" starts shutting down, and behavior starts to change.

Most of us think of depression as coinciding with events such as divorce, death, major illness or injury, or family separation, and those are the times we watch for the signs.

But, sometimes depression can overtake a person slowly, and it may not even be noticeable at first.

Telltale signs

The person may actually appear "normal" on the surface, but if you look closely there may be some tell-tale signs.

A person can lose the ability to concentrate, be distracted, or their memory may suffer.

Maybe they just aren't performing as well as before, at work or at home.

They may show a sudden gain or loss of weight.

They lose interest in things they normally enjoy – family, friends, hobbies, even work, and they just don't seem to be having fun anymore.

They may start to withdraw in little ways, or in big ones.

As leaders, supervisors, coworkers, family members and friends, we all have a responsibility to watch out for and take care of each other.

That's why we have programs like Airmen Against Drunk Driving and the Wingman Card.

Yet, all too often we fail to stop and think about what and how we are doing ourselves.

So, I'd like you to do this.

Set aside some time, this evening, this weekend, sometime soon.

Take a personal inventory.

Think back over the last few weeks and answer these questions.

What have you been accomplishing at work?

Is this what you were supposed to accomplish?

How well was it done?

Was it on time?

Were things left undone?

How have you dealt with your coworkers?

Family?

Friends?

Have you withdrawn, gotten moody, crabby, or do you cry a lot?

What do you do with your off-duty time?

Does it seem to take all your energy to get through the day so you can just go home?

And then do you sit in front of the TV and do nothing?

Have you eagerly anticipated a weekend or day off and then found you couldn't get motivated to do anything?

Even things you love?

Are you sleeping more?

Sleeping less?

Eating more?

Eating less?

Think about the following words, and how they relate to you: motivated... enthused... energetic... overwhelmed...

exhausted...

What else has happened in your life?

A new work schedule?

A new baby?

Recently married?

Negative impact

I think you get the idea. The influences on your life don't have to be negative to have a negative impact.

Sometimes a lot of seemingly little things can have a cumulative effect on a person's mood or ability to cope.

Periodically take stock.

Are you pleased with how you've been living your life?

If you answered "no" to that last question, there's one more thing I want you to do.

Find someone to talk to—your chaplain, first sergeant or Mental Health.

When I greet you in the morning and ask, "How are you?" I'd love to hear "I'm great" and know you mean it.

Base Chapel: 8-5411

Mental Health: 8-4926

Health Focus

A lifetime of healthy smiles for today's children

By Capt. Jamie Drowley
355th Medical Group

The way children care for their teeth today will have an impact on their health for many years.

The good news for parents is that preventive dental care has greatly improved the oral health of American children.

It's now possible for many children to reach adulthood without ever experiencing tooth decay.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

This year's theme is "Sport a Winning Smile!"

National Children's Dental Health Month began as a one-day event in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1941.

During that year February 3-7 was designated as Children's Dental Health Week in Akron, Ohio.

The American Dental Association held the first national observance of Children's Dental Health Day Feb. 8, 1949.

The single-day observance became a weeklong event in 1955.

And in 1981, the program was extended to a month-long celebration known today as National Children's Dental Health Month.

In observance of NCDHM the 355th Dental Squadron would like to pass on these tips for



parents and caregivers:

- ◆ Take your child to see a dentist regularly, beginning by the child's first birthday. Put only water in a child's naptime or bedtime bottle to prevent baby bottle tooth decay.

- ◆ Start brushing the child's teeth with water as soon as the first tooth appears.

- ◆ Start flossing when two of the child's teeth begin to touch.

- ◆ Brush and floss your

child's teeth daily until he or she can be taught to do this alone.

- ◆ Make certain your child gets the right amount of fluoride needed for decay-resistant teeth. Ask your dentist how this can be done.

And ask your dentist about dental sealants, a thin protective barrier that shields the chewing surface of back teeth against tooth decay.

Good oral health practices should begin in infancy and continue throughout adult life.

In your child's early years you must provide this care.

Later you will need to instruct, monitor and motivate your child to help maintain good oral health habits.

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life.

National Children's Dental Health Month Theme:

"Sport A Winning Smile!"

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Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team. Members are nominated by their commander or first sergeant, and the article is compiled by the Desert Airman staff.)

Name: 2nd Lt. Jason Pinkerton
Organization: 355th Wing Protocol
Duty title: Protocol Officer
Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Years of service: Six months
Why did you join the Air Force: I joined because the Air Force has so many job opportunities that don't exist in the civilian world. I also joined for the opportunities to get leadership and management experience, to travel and to serve my country.
Main responsibilities: Planning, coordinating and ensuring proper execution of wing ceremonies and of visits by important guests to the base.
Best aspects of your job: The opportunity to see many Air Force leaders who come through D-M. I also have a broader appreciation for the mechanics of a wing staff, and how much goes into making an event run smoothly.
Career goals: Complete a masters degree in political science or foreign affairs and apply this working in the Air Force, government or for a non-governmental organization.
Hobbies/outside activities: Running, hiking, reading and watching movies
What do you like best about D-M: There are many capabilities here that don't exist at other bases. Getting first-hand look is a great introduction to active duty.
What has been your best assignment; why: This is my first assignment, and I love the warm climate and proximity to the mountains.
Who inspires you/who do you admire; why: I'm inspired by everyone on active duty working to further their education.



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Advertising

Gold Flag technicians pour pride into work, team puts new face on mission-capable repair

By Karen Halstead
Staff writer

The A-10 avionics relay unit is basically considered an expendable item and would go to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office when it malfunctions. It costs more than \$230,000 to purchase; usually the problem is just a malfunctioning \$5 relay.

The Air Force uses a \$12,000 antenna-switching unit that can't be repaired because test equipment needed to diagnose problems wasn't available. The test equipment wasn't available until the 355th Logistics Support Squadron's Gold Flag commissioned the University of Arizona's Engineering Department to build the needed test equipment. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is the only Air Force base with the capability of repairing these expensive antenna-switching units, said Maser Sgt. David Newberry, Gold Flag manager.

These are just a few examples of the items Gold Flag repairs. "Our program repairs mission-capable assets," said Staff Sgt. Melvin Clem, Gold Flag technician. "We are able to keep mission-essential elements from going down and keeping the aircraft in the air."

D-M and Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. were pilot bases for the Gold Flag program in 1992. Since then, base's implementing compatible repair programs have the flexibility to name it what they want, according to Newberry. "Gold Flag changed the way the Air Force repairs parts.

"Mail order repair takes time and we looked to field work to save time. Some parts couldn't even be repaired because there wasn't anyone to send them to for repair. Some companies have 18-month backlogs. We can turn it out in a matter of days. It's things like this that keep us in business," Newberry said.

Gold Flag is not appropriated. "The Air Force has no risk of expense," Clem said. "If we don't fund ourselves through profits we will cease to exist."

Gold Flag works on any electronic or electro-mechanical equipment. "When in doubt call

us," Clem said. "Our shop is like a last resort."

"If the equipment is too bulky or large to transport to us, we will go to the equipment," Newberry said. "We can give onsite evaluations and estimates as well."

Gold Flag isn't squadron specific. According to Newberry, Gold Flag has repaired a robot for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight; fax machines, unique computer equipment and one-of-a-kind equipment for most other squadrons on base. "The list is endless," Clem said.

After repairing the equipment and verifying the electronics are working, Gold Flag returns it to the unit of origin who then runs manufactures specifications on the equipment to verify the equipment as mission ready, according to Clem.

"We have an 80 percent success rate," Clem said. "The other 20 percent are things we couldn't find fault with."

"We are self-investing," Newberry said. Units have equip-



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Staff Sgt. Melvin Clem chooses a precision tool to begin his work at the Gold Flag shop.



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Staff Sgt. Adam Brownley (center) and Staff Sgt. Melvin Clem (right) observe as Senior Airman John Hart replaces a circuit card on a data collection unit.

ment that would be turned into DRMO because it isn't functioning. Instead they turn it in to Gold Flag, who in-turn repairs it and sells it back to the Air Force. The money that would have been spent off base is reinvested at D-M. "The money has already been budgeted for repairs," Newberry said. "We allow the Air Force to expend inside the business. The money becomes available to the wing to cover unexpected or unfunded expenses."

"If you have Air Force assets that are electronic in nature, would cost more than \$500 to replace or rare in nature, don't throw them away," Newberry said. "If it can be repaired, don't take it to the dumpster, just give us a call. We make it (the repair process) easy."

The jobs at Gold Flag are demanding, according to Newberry. The Gold Flag mission requires one manager, one supply liaison and five repair technicians. Besides looking for parts to repair Newberry is also looking for personnel from the 2A1XX, 2A4XX and 2A6XX Air Force Specialty. "We are looking for individuals in the electronic career fields, but it's not an absolute to have experience in an electronics oriented field," Newberry said. "It's the person's attitude and ability to rapidly adapt. Our jobs have high visibility."

Big money

In fiscal year 2000, Gold Flag saved D-M \$859,000, avoiding \$1 million in costs. Major purchases from D-M's Gold Flag saved monies include: hangar lighting for the 354th Fighter Squadron; Eagle coach (bus) renovation; computer server and printer upgrades; Storage systems for parts; vehicle wheel alignment rack; dormitory carpeting; furniture throughout the wing; distinguished visitor bus renovation; compressor for corrosion control; phone system for traffic management office; tools and shop workstations

"I worked on the flight line where I removed the piece (of equipment) and sent it to a back shop," said Senior Airman Adam Ramirez, Gold Flag technician. "I never went into it (inside the equipment.) I knew I would gain valuable knowledge with this job. When I fix something I feel good because I figure it out on my own."

"We don't work from technical orders because we usually don't have TO's on the equipment we get to repair. It's a good feeling."

Anyone with questions about equipment or desiring a tour of the Gold Flag facilities can call 8-2411. They're open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and during the lunch hour. Team D-M members interested in positions with Gold Flag can contact Newberry at David.Newberry@dm.af.mil.

Tax tips

(Editor's note: As the income tax filing deadline nears, the Desert Airman will run articles to help people with tax-related questions through the coming weeks. The articles are provided as a public service by ARAContent.com and printed with the permission of the publisher. The last article in this series will be published April 13.)



A helping hand from the IRS

The Internal Revenue Service offers free tax help to taxpayers worldwide.

IRS Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services, describes a number of tax materials and services that are available year-round through the IRS and tells how, when, and where you can get them.

Publication 910 includes the IRS Internet address and telephone and fax numbers for information on filing options; a brief description of 100 tax publications with related IRS forms; an index of 1000 tax topics with reference to related publications for details; and tax education and assistance programs.

This guide also provides directions on how to access recorded tax information and automated refund information.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 to order a free copy of Publication 910.

Learn about the following programs and more in Publication 910.

Taxpayer Advocate Service - Taxpayer advocates independently represent the interests of taxpayers by helping to resolve tax problems that have not been fixed through normal channels.

The advocate has the authority to cut through red tape and intercede for those who are experiencing a hardship because of a tax problem.

If you have an unresolved tax problem, call the National Taxpayer Advocate's toll-free help line at 1-877-777-4778.

Volunteer Tax Help - The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs have specially-trained volunteers to prepare basic tax returns.

VITA and TCE volunteers help older individuals, those with special needs, and non-English speaking taxpayers with their taxes.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for the VITA or TCE location nearest you.

Braille and Large-Print Materials - Federal tax materials in Braille are available at Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in conjunction with the Library of Congress.

Materials in Braille include Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax; Publication 334, Tax Guide For Small Business, and Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B, with instructions.

Large-print copies of Form 1040, with schedules and instructions, are in Publication 1614.

Large-print copies of Form 1040A, Schedules 1, 3 and EIC, and instructions are in Publication 1615.

The copies can be used as worksheets to figure tax, but can't be filed as tax returns.

**D-M's VITA office
is now open
Call 8-3489 to schedule
an appointment**

Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman is running significant events.)

This week in 1951, the following significant Air Force events occurred:

United Nations ground forces advanced slowly and steadily northward from a Suwon-Wonju-Samchok line. They gained an average of 12 to 15 miles, making the most progress along the eastern and western coasts. By the end of the month, U.S. troops had reached the Han River near Seoul.

Communist forces refurbished airfields across North Korea, repairing runways and building revetments, but Far East Air Forces raids kept them largely free of enemy aircraft. A combination of bad winter weather and mountainous terrain in central Korea hindered Air Force close-air support operations.

FEAF fighters on armed reconnaissance missions discouraged the enemy from moving in daylight by road or rail. To puncture tires on enemy-held roads, night-flying C-47s dropped tons of roofing nails.

By assigning the same areas to the same units, 5th Air Force encouraged fighter pilots to become familiar enough with the landscape to detect camouflaged enemy vehicles.

Flights of B-26s flew around the clock, depending on C-47 flare drops for night raids and flying an increasing number of close air support missions by day.

Enemy aircraft activity declined sharply. RF-80s on reconnaissance missions near the Yalu River occasionally attracted MiGs, and 5th Air Force began calling northwestern Korea "MiG Alley."

Because of the MiG threat to B-29s, Far East Air Forces assigned interdiction missions in the Yalu River region to 5th Air Force.

Superfortresses concentrated on interdiction targets outside MiG Alley, especially railroad bridges. They also bombed rail lines, airfields, and barracks in the area between Kanggye,

Sinanju, and Pyongyang in western North Korea. FEAF Bomber Command continued harassment raids against cities in North Korea, including Anju, Sinanju, Sariwon, and Pyongyang, sending out two to six bombers per night after Feb. 10.

During the month, the Bomber Command flew 687 sorties in Korea and dropped 6,213 tons of bombs.

By contrast, the 315th Air Division flew more than 6,000 sorties and carried more than 15,000 tons of equipment and supplies during the same month.

That was more tonnage than Combat Cargo Command had flown during all of 1950.

When poor field conditions at Wonju and Chungju prevented C-47 landings during the last nine days of February, C-119s and C-46s air-dropped 185 tons of supplies per day directly to frontline troops. Replacing FEAF Bomber Command B-29s on psychological warfare missions, 315th AD C-47s dropped 25 million leaflets during the month and broadcast messages to enemy troops. Using newly designed equipment, C-54s began airlifting FEAF aircraft engines among bases, replacing the C-97s and C-119s that formerly performed that mission in the theater. During the month, search and rescue detachments flew more than 300 missions, using helicopters to evacuate almost 160 critically wounded patients from battlefields and rescue seventy-two people who had been trapped behind enemy lines. The Boat Section, 6160th ABG, conducted 58 search and rescue missions, including the rescue of 16 from a downed Navy flying boat.

Feb. 4: 5th Air Force modified some B-26s to drop flares because the flare-dropping C-47s that had accompanied B-26 night raiders had trouble keeping up with the fast bombers.

Young hoopsters hit the court



The youth center is definitely the place to be on Saturdays for exciting youth basketball action. Kids of all ages come together to compete for bragging rights and hone their skills.

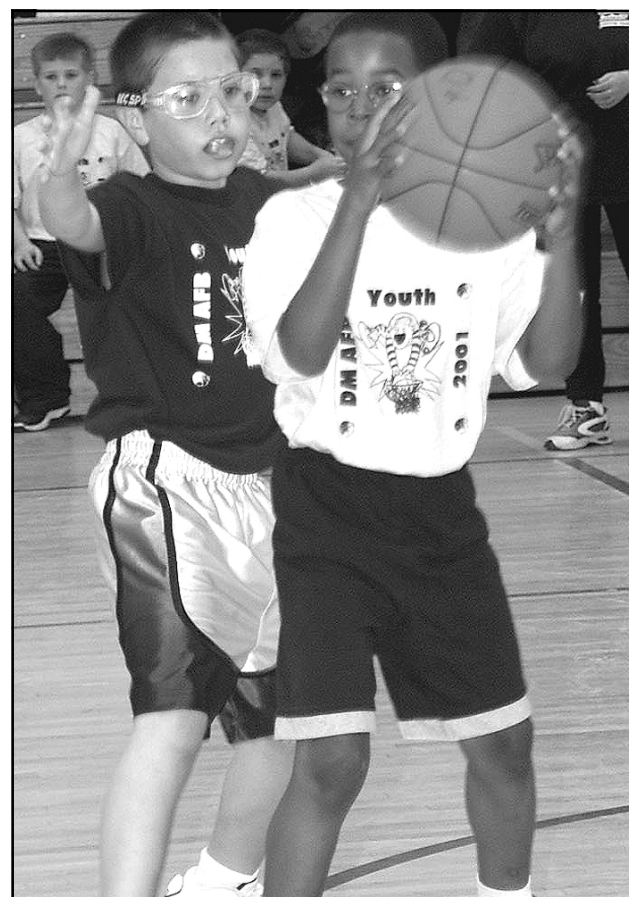
(Left) Cordell Linscomb (with ball) attempts to dribble past Wright Allen. Linscomb plays for the Gators in the 9- and 10-year-old division; Allen plays for the Hoyas.

(Bottom left) Drake Goodbee (with ball), of the Hoyas, looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to, while Joseph Rodriguez, of the Gators, looks for an opening to steal the ball and score.

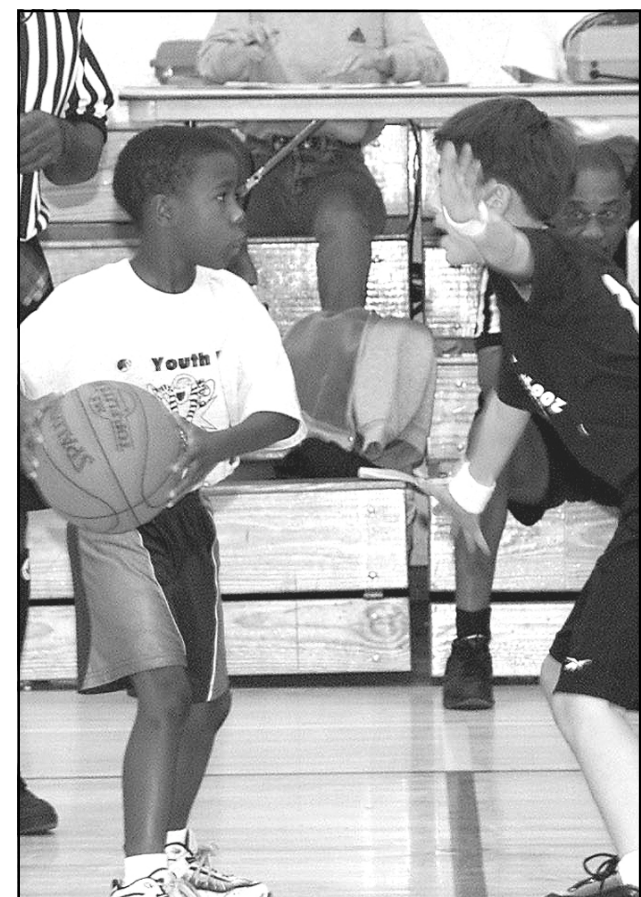
(Bottom center) Tom Nickles, of the Gators, lines up a free throw.

(Bottom right) Wright Allen (dark shirt), of the Gators, puts on a tough defense as Cordell Linscomb looks for an open lane, or a teammate to pass the ball, to.

Games are played every Saturday at the youth center, and family and fans are highly encouraged to come out and cheer on their favorite team. Call Kathy Sands at the youth center, 8-8373 for more information.



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Sports Shorts

Crud/foosball tourney

There's a crud/foosball tournament at the Officer's Club tonight after officer's call. Ten teams and five referees are need for the tournament.
Call Michael Yanovitch at 8-5691 for more information.

Belly dancing class

A new belly dancing instructor is offering classes at the Fitness Center.
The class begins at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday. The beginner class runs from 6:40 to 7:40 p.m. and an intermediate class runs from 7:40 to 8:40 p.m.
Cost for the beginner class is \$20 per month (four sessions); cost for the intermediate class is \$30 for two months (eight sessions).
Interested individuals can sign up at the Fitness Center, or call 8-3714 for more information.

8-ball Tournament

Two-person 8-ball teams can sign up now for the Air Combat Command Swim with the Sharks Tournament.
Local playoffs get underway Feb. 14, at the Desert Oasis Club. Matches are Wednesdays and Thursdays, at 6 p.m., through March 22.
Playoffs determine which team will represent D-M at the ACC championships, April 25-27, at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C. The winners travel to the championships in expenses-paid TDY status.
Base winners receive a \$100 club credit. Members of ACC's top three teams win airline travel vouchers - \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third.
Volunteer judges are also needed.
Players and judges must be members of the Desert Oasis Club.
A meeting for participants is set for Feb. 13, at 5 p.m., to discuss tournament rules.

Team registration ends Thursday.
Sign up at the club, or call Wendy Decatur or Jerry Kennedy, 748-8666, for further details.

Youth basketball

Youth basketball home games are Saturdays, at the youth center gym. Several away games and out-of-towners are scheduled for 13-15 year-olds. Spectators are welcome; come cheer on your favorite team! Get more details from youth sports director Kathy Sands, 8-8373.

Aerobics instructors needed

Certified aerobics instructors are needed for classes at the fitness center. Openings are for both volunteer and paid instructors. Especially needed are instructors for early-morning classes. Call Jay Junsay at 8-3714.

New bowling league

A Wednesday league at the D-M Lanes offers bowlers a new ball, bag and pair of shoes at the end of 20 weeks. The Ball, Bag and Shoes League meets at 6 p.m. Bowlers pay \$10 weekly. No additional payment is required for the new bowling ball, bag and pair of shoes. Register now at the D-M Lanes, or call 8-3461.

Volunteer call

The 2nd Annual 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Mountain Bike Team Relay is Feb. 16 to 18, and volunteers are needed to help in all aspects of the event. All volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a free meal to a local restaurant. Call Jamie Mageau at 8-1090 or the event coordinators at 579-8773 for more information or to volunteer.

Varsity women's volleyball

Any women interested in trying out for the base's varsity volleyball team are encouraged to attend tryouts, going on Sunday from 3 to 6

p.m. at the Fitness Center. Call Chris Rodriguez at 8-3224 for more information.

Skeet and trap open weekends

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees.
Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Call Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736.

Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses). Call 8-3714 for more information.
Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)
Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)
Wednesday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Basheera)
Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)
Friday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)
Saturday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinning (Corinne)

Advertising

Scoreboard

Bowling Intramural - American

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| MDG #2 | 70-34 |
| 42 ACCS #2 | 68-36 |
| 41 ECS #2 | 58-46 |
| CONS | 58-46 |
| 42 ACCS #1 | 56-48 |
| 41 ECS #1 | 54-50 |
| MDG #1 | 54-50 |
| 355 OSS | 42-62 |
| 43 ECS | 24-80 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| 41 ECS #1, 904 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| 41 ECS #1, 2518 | |
| High Scratch Game (Men): | |
| Carl Miller, 264 | |
| High Scratch Series (Men): | |
| Carl Miller, 615 | |
| High Scratch Game | |
| (Women): Sondra Calley, 222 | |
| High Scratch Series | |
| (Women): Sondra Calley, 651 | |

Intramural - National

| Team | W-L |
|-----------|-------|
| SVS | 65-39 |
| 12 AF #1 | 65-39 |
| AMMO | 64-40 |
| AMARC | 62-42 |
| 12 AF #3 | 54-50 |
| MSS | 52-52 |
| TRANS | 52-52 |
| CRS | 46-58 |
| SUPS | 44-60 |
| 25 OWS #1 | 44-60 |
| COMM | 40-64 |

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 358th | 36-68 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| SVS, 996 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| SVS, 2844 | |
| High Scratch Game (Men): | |
| George Sansone, 269 | |
| High Scratch Series (Men): | |
| George Sansone, 671 | |
| High Scratch Game | |
| (Women): Samantha Carlson, | |
| 184 | |
| High Scratch Series | |
| (Women): Pam Boggs, 472 | |

Tuesday Early Risers

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Hit & Miss | 68-44 |
| OUI 3 | 63-49 |
| The Monarchs | 60-52 |
| Ally Kats | 58-54 |
| Wee Bee Bad | 55-57 |
| Hot Cats | 51-61 |
| Dream Catchers | 51-61 |
| Soon's Runway | 42-70 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| Hit & Miss, 515 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| Hit & Miss, 1435 | |
| High Scratch Game: Arlene | |
| Cook, 187 | |
| High Scratch Series: Arlene | |
| Cook, 495 | |

Phantom Mixed

| Team | W-L |
|---------------|-------|
| Strike Force | 62-34 |
| So So's | 60-36 |
| The Cajuns | 58-38 |
| Lucky Seven | 57-39 |
| Strikebusters | 56-40 |

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|----------------|-------|
| The Dizzy Four | 54-42 |
| Alley Oops | 50-46 |
| Six Pack | 45-51 |
| Avengers | 38-58 |
| Sweet Revenge | 36-60 |
| Rat Pack | 34-62 |

OWC

| Team | W-L |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Lady Flyers | 74-22 |
| Coyotes | 62-34 |
| The Eastsiders | 54-42 |
| Splitsters | 52-44 |
| KIDDS | 46-50 |
| Snuffers | 46-50 |
| Alley Cats | 42-54 |
| High Scratch Game: Marlene | |
| Flyer, 179 | |
| High Scratch Series: Marlene | |
| Flyer, 472 | |

D-M Pinrollers

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Uh Huh Girls | 68-28 |
| Dreamers | 59-37 |
| Team 5 | 56-40 |
| Team 6 | 53-43 |
| The Dream Catchers | 48-48 |
| Annie's Girls | 45-51 |
| L-A-D-Y | 44-52 |
| Kachina Dolls | 37-59 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| Team 6, 691 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| Team 6, 1911 | |
| High Scratch Game: Fran | |
| Baird, 221 | |
| High Scratch Series: Fran | |
| Baird, 583 | |

CE Mixed

| Team | W-L |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Just-4-Fun | 52-20 |
| Good, Bad & Ugly | 52-28 |
| The Cans | 50-30 |
| Fire Dawgs | 50-30 |
| BJ's Bunnis | 42-38 |
| MILFs | 38-26 |
| Brew Crew | 36-44 |
| Old Timers | 22-50 |
| Now N Then | 22-50 |
| HVAC | 20-20 |
| High Scratch Game (Men): | |
| Brad Carroll, 207 | |
| High Scratch Series (Men): | |
| Dave Kozma, 582 | |
| High Scratch Game: Gail | |
| Johnson, 179 | |
| High Scratch Series: Gail | |
| Johnson, 497 | |

Thursday Night

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| The Prickly Pears | 66-38 |
| Mission Impossible | 66-38 |
| Four Seas | 64-40 |
| Pick One | 64-60 |
| Lickity Splits | 60-44 |
| PBJs | 60-44 |
| Desert Strikers | 60-44 |
| Road Runners | 52-52 |
| Ice Breakers | 48-56 |
| BM's | 46-58 |
| Cool Cs | 44-60 |
| Nice N Spicy | 40-64 |
| Pintendos | 38-66 |
| Bucks N Does | 20-84 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| Four Seas, 758 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| Four Seas, 2147 | |
| High Scratch Game (Men): | |
| Les Claassen, 232 | |
| High Scratch Series (Men): | |

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|---------------------------|
| John Cook, 608 |
| High Scratch Game |
| (Women): Arlene Cook, 192 |
| High Scratch Series |
| (Women): Arlene Cook, 552 |

Friday Nite Fun

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Wannabees | 66-30 |
| 3 Roses & A Thorn | 58-38 |
| Double Trouble | 55-41 |
| More BS | 53-43 |
| O Spare Us | 50-46 |
| Just Us | 50-46 |
| AAFES | 46-50 |
| Kum Cantasi | 45-51 |
| The Misfits | 44-52 |
| Gutter Dusters | 43-53 |
| Just Havin Fun | 42-46 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| Double Trouble, 830 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| More BS, 2197 | |
| High Scratch Game (Men): | |
| Ken Bettis, 255 | |
| High Scratch Series (Men): | |
| Tom Lorentz, 666 | |
| High Scratch Game | |
| (Women): Reda Lowe, 246 | |
| High Scratch Series | |
| (Women): Chris Spieker, 718 | |

Bantams

| Team | W-L |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| The Dragons | 65-23 |
| N Sync | 61-27 |
| Tigers | 50-38 |
| High Handicap Game (Team): | |
| Tigers, 757 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| N Sync, 664 | |
| High Handicap Game (Boys): | |
| Cody Sechler, 200 | |

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| High Scratch Series (Boys): | |
| Jonathon Willis, 250 | |
| High Scratch Game (Girls): | |
| Alicia Jones, 65 | |
| High Scratch Series (Girls): | |
| Sabrina Wayman, 254 | |

Preps/Juniors/ Majors

| Team | W-L |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| The Xtremes | 62-26 |
| Fox Hound | 58-30 |
| Alley Cats | 52-36 |
| Jaguars | 51-37 |
| Undertakers | 47-41 |
| Unlimited | 43-45 |
| Strikers | 42-46 |
| N Sync Fireballs | 40-48 |
| Desert Pros | 40-48 |
| Desert Strikers | 38-50 |
| The Bulldogs | 34-54 |
| Vacant | 17-71 |
| High Scratch Game (Team): | |
| Undertakers, 479 | |
| High Scratch Series (Team): | |
| Vacant, 1467 | |
| High Scratch Game (Boys): | |
| Jacob Dougan, 124 (Preps); | |
| Allen Ekstrom, 114 (Juniors); | |
| Jason Wakefield, 157 | |
| (Majors) | |
| High Scratch Series (Boys): | |
| Tyler Johnson, 413 (Preps); | |
| Joshua Dougan, 379 | |
| (Juniors); Mike CuvIELLO, 467 | |
| (Majors) | |
| High Scratch Game (Girls): | |
| Sasha Willis, 98 (Preps); | |
| Kristin Wakefield, 112 | |
| (Juniors) | |
| High Scratch Series (Girls): | |
| Rachel Ross, 336 (Preps); | |
| Kendra Shorter, 347 (Juniors) | |

Basketball Intramural

| Mon/Wed | |
|-------------------|-----|
| (as of Wednesday) | |
| Team | W-L |
| 357 FS | 4-0 |
| 12th AF | 3-1 |
| CS | 3-1 |
| 354 FS | 2-1 |
| SFS | 2-1 |
| 41 ECS | 2-2 |
| 42 ACCS | 1-2 |
| 43 ECS | 1-2 |
| CPTS | 1-3 |
| MDG | 1-3 |
| OSS | 0-4 |

Intramural Tues/Thurs

| (as of Wednesday) | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Team | W-L |
| CES | 4-0 |
| SUPS | 4-0 |
| SVS | 4-1 |
| TRANS | 4-1 |
| 25 OWS | 2-2 |
| MSS | 2-3 |
| CRS | 1-3 |
| DECA | 1-3 |
| 162 ANG | 1-4 |
| 358 FS | 1-4 |
| EMS | 1-4 |

Over-30

| (as of Wednesday) | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Team | W-L |
| SVS | 5-0 |
| LSS | 4-0 |
| CES | 4-0 |
| MDG | 3-0 |
| 12th AF | 4-1 |
| 25 OWS | 4-1 |
| MSS | 3-1 |
| SFS | 3-1 |
| 41 ECS | 2-3 |
| SUPS | 1-3 |
| 43 ECS | 1-3 |
| CS | 1-4 |
| EMS | 0-4 |
| 42 ACCS | 0-4 |

Advertising



Chapel events

Divorce Care support group

For all those who have been divorced or had a significant relationship end in a break up, the base chapel is here to help. A 13-week series of videos featuring nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics will begin Feb. 21, and will meet every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seminar topics include "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships" and "Forgiveness." Bring your lunch. Questions can be directed to Chaplain Bob Wido at 8-5411, or by email at Robert.Wido@dm.af.mil.

Gospel Jubilee

A gospel extravaganza will take place at 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Base Theater. Call Master Sgt. Greg Pleasant at 8-4891 for more information.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Crud tournament is from 5 to 7 p.m. Patio Steak Night is from 5 to 8 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

Saturday: Surf and Turf and prime rib dinner specials is scheduled.

Sunday: Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Club is closes at 2 p.m. Barber is open until 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Free chili dogs at social hour is from 5 to 6 p.m. Prime rib for two is \$19.95.

Wednesday: Soup and salad bar is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: Chinese buffet is \$9.95 for adults.

Desert Oasis Club

Today: Buffet line is closed for lunch. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

Saturday: Barber is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday: Club is closed. Cabana is opens from 1 to 8 p.m.

Monday: Sports Bar opens at 4 p.m.

Tuesday: BBQ lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two-for-One Steak Night is from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Bingo begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Fried chicken lunch buffet is scheduled.

Thursday: Airmen Leadership School banquet is at 6 p.m. Evening dining is closed.

New soup and salad buffet

A new soup and salad buffet starts Wednesday at the Officers' club. The buffet includes four soups, potato bar, burritos, pasta, cole slaw and three-bean salad. Tossed greens come with 10 toppings. Included are rolls, beverage and dessert. Members and bona fide guests pay \$5.35. Call 748-0660 for more information.

Dinner theater

Don't miss the Officers' Club's Feb. 13 Dinner Theater. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Diners may order chateaubriand or rack of lamb, both served with wine and dessert. Dinner is followed at 8 p.m. with a live presentation of the Broadway hit "Love Letters", the story of two lifelong friends whose relationship is revealed through their intimate correspondence. Member couples pay \$40 for dinner and play; eligible non-members add \$6 per couple. For an additional charge flowers or candy can be delivered to your table. Call 748-0660 for reservations.

Golf course dining

Plan to be at the Blanchard Course's Eagle's Nest Restaurant from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday for La Steak Night. Diners can choose from T-bone, ribeye or filet mignon steaks, a boneless chicken breast or deluxe Caesar salad. Diners include a baked potato, bread, ranch beans and coffee or tea. A salad is added for steak or chicken orders. A junior menu offers grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers, all served with fries and a beverage. Call the Eagle's Nest at 8-7066 for information or reservations.

Free money for club members

D-M club members are eligible for hundreds of dollars in Club Cash Coupons. When members purchase anything at their club, they print their name number on the sales receipt, and leave it in a box near the cashier. Drawings are Fridays at 7:30 p.m. The winner gets \$50 in Club Cash Coupons (\$100 the last Friday of the month). Members not present for the drawing get half the normal amount, \$25 or \$50, and the balance is added to the next drawing. For more details, call the Officers' Club at 748-0660, or the Desert Oasis Club at 748-8666.



Youth programs

Today: Preteen Youth Center Golf n' Stuff trip is scheduled. Call 8-8844.

Saturday: Teen winter dance is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Call 8-8465. Youth basketball at the Youth Center is scheduled.

Monday: Kids gymnastics and tumbling classes at the Community Center. Call 8-3717. Teen Flagstaff Snowfest is Feb. 22 through 24. Call 8-8465.

Tuesday: Preteen pool tourney is at the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Primary cooking class is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Photo class is from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call 8-8844.

Thursday: Teen spaghetti eating contest at the Youth Center. Cost is \$2.

Youth of the Year scholarship

Children ages 14 through 18 years of age are encouraged to apply for the National Youth of the Year Scholarship. Applications are due by

Feb. 14. The annual event is sponsored by the Youth Center as part of its affiliation with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Applicants should be center members. Contest criteria is based on family values, life goals, education, citizenship, community service and Youth Center involvement. Each Boys and Girls Club, including the Youth Center, selects one nominee for the local competition. Tucson's winner advances to the state level. Subsequent winners participate at regional and national levels. State, regional and national winners get scholarships and plaques. Regional and national scholarships from the Boys and Girls Clubs are \$5,000 and \$10,000. Arizona's winner receives a \$25,000 scholarship from Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network. D-M's nominee will also compete in the Air Combat Command Youth of the Year Scholarship contest in April. A \$1,500 scholarship is awarded for first place. Get applications and information at the Youth Center, or call program coordinator Armando Bracamonte at 8-8465.

Enrichment openings

There are currently several vacancies for 4-year-olds in the Child Development Center's enrichment program. Sessions, at the Youth Center, are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. Child care program costs are based on total family income. Sign up at the CDC or contact 8-3336.



Community events

Today: Check out the library's Black History Month display.

Saturday: Tubac Art Festival tour. Call Information Tickets and Tours at 8-3700.

Sunday: La Steak Night at the Eagle's Nest is from 5 to 7 p.m.

Monday: See Ft. Bowie Saturday. Call Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736.

Tuesday: Shop Nogales Feb. 17 with ITT. Call 8-3700.

Wednesday: Last day to enter Sunday's golf tournament. Call 8-3734.

Thursday: Dragsters is on display Feb. 22 in the Base Exchange parking lot.

Explore Fort Bowie

Explore historic Fort Bowie Feb. 10 with the Outdoor Recreation Center. The remote army post, 100 miles east of Tucson, operated from 1862 to 1894, and for many years was the largest military installation in the territory. There's no road to the site. Visitors must walk in along a 1.5-mile trail. On the return trip is a stop for refreshments at Stout's Cider Mill, in Willcox. Cost for transportation is \$15. Call 8-3736 for more information.

2001 calendars available

Pick up a 2001 Services calendar at any 355th Services Squadron facility. Calendars contain a listing of major upcoming Services activities, month-by-month, for the entire year. Call 8-5950 for more information.



Family support

Monday: A financial briefing is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

Tuesday: Right Start is from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Time for Tots is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Wednesday: The Smooth Move briefing is from 8 to 11 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 264. A sponsorship class is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center.

Thursday: The Lietenants' Briefing is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Fun Time Activity Group is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Receive a layette

Air Force personnel, who are E-4 and below and just had their first child, can receive a beautiful layette compliments of Family Services. The only requirement is to bring in the birth certificate to Family Services, Building 3210. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 8-3369/5690 for more information.

Baby basics

The baby basics program for expectant mothers in their third trimester is from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Community Center. Information on basic infant care, growth and development will be covered. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Resume and interview tools

A resume writing workshop is from 8 to 10 a.m. Feb. 12. After learning how to write a resume, attend the interview workshop from 8 to 11 a.m. Feb. 26. Both workshops are held in the Community Center. Call 8-5690 to make reservations.

Give Parents a Break

The Give Parents a Break program is from 2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 10 and 24. The program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who are stressed due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. Call 8-5690 for more information or a referral.



Other agencies

Estate claim announcement

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Richard F. Coles assigned to 355th Medical Operations Squadron should contact 1st Lt. Sarah Coors-Davidson at 8-1505.

VFW free membership

Arizona's southern district of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is looking for new members to ensure that it remains a strong voice for veterans and active-duty members. Currently membership is free through the military incentive program. To be eligible, you should have been stationed in Korea for 30 days or longer or awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or any other medal given for service in a foreign conflict. Call your first sergeant for more information.

D-M Top Three meeting

The D-M Top Three Association will meet at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club ballroom. The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Sam E. Parish. Call Senior Master Sgt. Frank Brown at 8-6560, for more information.

Technology Expo

The National Small Business Council/National Conference Services is hosting a Technology Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club. There will be more than 20 different large and small companies demonstrating the latest computer related technologies. The expo is open and free to all personnel.

Can-Do Crew helps

The Can-Do Crew meets Saturday at 7 a.m. at Hope Chapel. The group comes together to help the elderly and handicapped in the local community. Bring a friend and meet new people. Call Tech. Sgt. Valencia Roberto at 8-5960 for more information.

Tax preparation available

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Office is taking appointments through April 16. The VITA office is located in Building 4310 across the street from the 355th Security Forces building. The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling 8-3489. If there is no answer, leave a message and someone will return your call. The Legal Office neither prepare taxes nor make appointments for tax preparation.

Red Cross blood drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Community Center. Appointments can be made by calling Tech. Sgt. Liz Santamaria at 8-9048 or the Red Cross at 917-2820. Walk-ins are welcome as time permits. Donors should drink plenty of caffeine-free fluids 24-hours prior to donating and also eat a small meal or light snack (should be low fat) two to four hours before donating. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down, escort duty, canteen duty, and the sign in desk. The Bloodhound Award will be awarded to the squadron who has the most donors and the plaque will be presented at the 355th Wing Staff Meeting. The goal for the drive is 150 pints, so at least 200 people are needed to sign up.

Valentine greetings

Those interested in printing a Valentine greeting in the Desert Airman newspaper can send submissions via e-mail to desert.airman@dm.af.mil by Sunday. Submissions must be 25 words or less and in good taste.



Movie theater

Today: Vertical Limit, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday: Vertical Limit, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday: Almost Famous, (R), 7 p.m.

Feb. 9: Dude, Where's My Car, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Feb. 10: Family Man, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Feb. 11: Family Man, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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